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Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker, so that we can have an intelligent discussion on the amendment, and I think Senator Labeledz would agree. The amendment that was proposed simply had to do with the composition of the commission and not with all the other points that Senator Labeledz was discussing and if you would give Senator Labeledz just a minute I think she would indicate that that amendment has been divided and that all we are discussing right now is the composition of the commission.

PRESIDENT: Actually the Chair has Senator Marsh to recognize. If you want to make a point, Senator Labeledz, I will let you.

SENATOR LABEDZ: I apologize, I did not know that he had set on my desk the amendment that just changes the commission. As I suggested we could compromise on that but not on the lengthy amendment that we received yesterday. I thought he was discussing the full amendment that I received yesterday which changes the whole scope of the legislation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, my compliments to Senator Beutler for cleverly having sectioned this out one by one, sort of like little nibbles, therefore, we will nibble at the machine and see if we can stop it enroute. I am one of 17 Senators who supports LB 700. I do not support the amendment which has been handed out and I again share with some of the other sponsors an unhappy feeling when a Senator comes in and does not get the amendment even printed so that there is time for us to look at. I say to you, why remove the expertise that has been proposed for this commission. The elimination of one of the labor unions representing the state employees would deprive the Pay Equity Commission of a very special expertise during both the study and the implementation phase of the project. I also feel that the appointment of someone from the Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women would